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SUBJECT: EMBASSY KHARTOUM INSPECTION COMPLIANCE REPORT

HEREWITH EMBASSY'S INSPECTION COMPLIANCE REPORT. WE REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING WHICH WAS UNAVOIDABLE BECAUSE OF PRESS OF BUSINESS AND STAFF UNAVAILABILITIES DUE TO LEAVES, TRANSFERS, ETC. PARAS BELOW RE KEYED TO THOSE IN INSPECTION MEMORANDA:

3.1-1 BEING DONE

3.1-2 POTENTIAL LEADERS BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING LIST IN DRAFT; WILL BE SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT SHORTLY.

3.1-3 INSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM FROM DCM BEING SENT TO APPROPRIATE SECTIONS.
4.1-1 DONE; STEPS ALREADY TAKEN TO RECEIVE SUGAR, COTTON AND OTHER REPORTS.

4.1-2 DONE; SELF-HELP COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

5.1-2 DONE; FSLE IN ECON SECTION BEING CROSS-TRAINED.

5.1-3 INSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM FROM DCM BEING PREPARED.

6.1-1 FORMAL JAO AGREEMENT BETWEEN STATE AND AID HAS BEEN SIGNED.
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AF/EX DESIRED AGREEMENT BE LIMITED TO THESE TWO AGENCIES. AS EXPERIENCE IS GAINED AND RECENT STAFF EXPANSION HAS BEEN ABSORBED, EMBASSY HOPES TO BE ABLE EVENTUALLY TO INCLUDE ALL AGENCIES UNDER JAO AGREEMENT.

6.1-4 UPGRADING OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CHIEF JAO HAS BEEN DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH DEPARTMENT. WE NOTE NEW JAO CHIEF IS

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FSO-5. HOWEVER HE IS ENTHUSIASTIC AND HAS GOTTEN OFF TO GOOD START.

6.1-6 EMBASSY CANNOT FULLY ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION. CONSIDERING ANTI-
CIPATED GROWTH AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS, WE BELIEVE POSITION A-611
SHOULD BE FILLED WITH QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANT. REPORT AND POUCH
REQUIREMENTS OF RFC, PARIS DO NOT ALLOW FSLE CASHIER SUFFICIENT
OPPORTUNITY ACCEPT NEW, ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. WE BELIEVE
PRODUCTIVITY OF B&F UNIT WOULD BE SHARPLY REDUCED BY ELIMINATION
FOURTH POSITION GIVEN REALISTIC ASSESSMENT STAFF ABILITIES AND
ATTITUDES. FOURTH FSLE COULD CONTINUE BACK-UP CASHIER AND B&F
SPECIALIST WHILE ALSO PERFORMING COMPLICATED VOUCHER VERIFICATIONS.
BELIEVE THIS ALSO WISE CONSIDERING THAT TWO SENIOR FSLES IN
B&F UNIT HAVE RESPECTIVELY 18 AND 20 YEARS SERVICE AND WE SHOULD
BRING IN NEW FSLE WHO COULD MOVE UP AS THEY RETIRE.

6.1-7 DONE

6.1-8 DONE

6.1-10 COLLECTIONS ARE MADE PRIMARILY FOR PERSONAL USE OF OFFICIAL
VEHICLES AND PERSONAL LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS. EMBASSY DOES NOT
BELIEVE PREPARATION OF PRENUMBERED RECEIPT WARRANTED FOR EACH
COLLECTION FOR USE OF OFFICIAL VEHICLES SINCE AMOUNTS ARE GENERALLY
SMALL AND OFTEN LESS THAN $1.00. HOWEVER, CASHIER WILL PREPJIE
MORE REGULAR COLLECTIVE REZAEIPTS. REGARDING ADVANCE PAYMENTS
FOR TELEPHONE CALLS EMBASSY ATTEMPTING AT LEAST REDUCE NEED FOR
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SUCH PAYMENTS BY ENCOURAGING USE OF HOME PHONES FOR LONG DISTANCE
CALLS. IF ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUIRED, RECEIPT WILL BE PREPARED ONCE
CALL IS MADE (USUALLY ONE DAY AFTER RESERVATION OF PHONE CALL).

6.1-11 INTERIM CASH RECEIPTS OFTEN CANNOT BE SETTLED AT CLOSE OF
WORK DAY DUE TO COMPLICATIONS OF LOCAL PROCUREMENT, WHICH
OFTEN REQUIRES MORE THAN ONE DAY FOR RECIPIENT OF CASH ADVANCE
TO COMPLETE. NEVERTHELESS, EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO CLEAR INTERIM
CASH RECEIPTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6.1-12 EMBASSY WISHES NOTE THAT RBFO, NAIROBI HAS NOT REQUIRED USE
OF FORM FS-465 WHICH IS QUITE COMPLICATED. SEEMS TO WORK BETTER
FOR POSTS NOT SERVED BY REGIONAL FINANCE CENTER. WE BELIEVE MAINTE-
NANCE OF FORM FS-465 NOT PRACTICAL AT THIS TIME.

6.1-13 DOLLAR CHECKS ACCEPTED IN ACCOMODATION EXCHANGES DECREASE
LOCAL CURRENCY IN HAND. TOTAL AMOUNT OF DOLLAR CHECKS RECEIVED
MULTIPLIED BY EXCHANGE RATE GIVES LOCAL CURRENCY PAID. THESE
TRANSACTIONS REFLECTED ON REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS AND RFC-365
AS LOCAL CURRENCY. FS-215, RFC-544 AND RFC-209 REFLECT EQUIVALENT
IN US DOLLARS. MATTER WILL BE REVIEWED WITH RBFO, NAIROBI REP

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DURING HIS NEXT VISIT TO POST.

6.1-15 BEING DONE

7.1-1 BEING DONE

9.1A-1 BEING DONE

9.1B-1 AMBASSADOR AND DATT CONCUR WITH RECOMMENDATION, BUT NOT AT ALL CLEAR THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES AGREE. THEREFORE, ISSUE REMAINS UNRESOLVED.

9.1C-1 DONE

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9.1C-2 DCM WILL DISCUSS WITH NEW PAO WHO EXPECTED ARRIVE AT POST IN OCTOBER.

10.1A-1 DONE

10.1A-2 DONE. WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH NEW JAO AS NECESSARY.

10.1A-3 BONDING AND INSURANCE COVERAGE INFORMATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED. COVERAGE WILL BE EXTENDED HG ALL CO-OP EMPLOYEES.

QPPMQA-4 DONE

10.1A-5 EMBASSY AGREES WITH RECOMMENDATION. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN CLUB ON VERY RARE OCCASIONS SUCH AS JULY 4 MAY BE APPROPRIATE ALBEIT IN EXTREMELY LIMITED MANNER. THIS WOULD BE DONE IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN CLUB'S PLACE AS ONLY MAJOR RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL FACILITY AVAILABLE TO MISSION EMPLOYEES. TREATMENT OF MEMBERS OF DUTCH EMBASSY RESTS ON COMMITMENT BY EMBASSY IN PAST THAT MAY NOT BE EASY TO GET OUT OF. THIS WILL BE REVIEWED WITH AMBASSADOR UPON HIS RETURN FROM HOME LEAVE IN OCTOBER.
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